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Title: OPTICAL FIBER FOR EXTENDED WAVELENGTH BAND being a
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a **Continuation** application of PCT/EP99/06958, filed on September 21, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98117828.8, filed on September 21, 1998 and US Provisional Application No. 60/104,636, filed on October 16, 1998.

1. Application - 26 pages, including 3 independent claims and 33 claims total (as amended).
2. Drawings - 11 sheets of drawings containing 14 figures
3. Preliminary Amendment.

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4. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 98117828.8, filed on September 21, 1998.
5. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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Applicant claims the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 98117828.8, filed on September 21, 1998 and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/104,636, filed on October 16, 1998.

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